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EXPANSION OF TICKET SELLING ACTIVITIES IN CITIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any plans to expand their ticket selling activities in all cities in the country;

(b) if so, the inhibitions and restraints for the Railways to sell tickets through computerised systems in highly populated cities;

(c) whether Railways have formulated plans to set up such booths in Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Vijayawada;

(d) if so, the time by which such booths are likely to be started functioning;

(e) whether unemployed youth will be involved in such commercial activitiy; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b):- Expansion of ticket selling activities is a continuous process and every year computerised reservation system (PRS)is opened a t 60-70 locations through out the country. Provision of computerised reservation facilities is capital intensive and also involves significant recurring expenditure to operate these services. These services are, therefore, provided at the stations registering a reservation related workload of more than 100 transactions per day, District Headquarters, important tourist stations and other important cities as per availability of Budget.

For improvement in unreserved ticketing, a pilot project is being launched for developing Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) inDelhi area shortly.

(c) & (d):- Except for normal expansion, no separate and specific plans have so far been drawn for Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Vijayawada.

(e) & (f):- In view of answers to (c) & (d), question do not arise.